RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 8th August, 2005/17 *Sravana,* 1927 (*Saka*)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*201. [The questioner (Shri Pyarimohan Mohapatra) was absent. For answer *vide* page 40.]

Cultural complex in Tamil Nadu

*202. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not chosen Tamil Nadu for setting up of multi-purpose cultural complex as the Tamil region has been one of the very old settlements in the world having thousands of ples;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the multi-purpose cultural complexes sanctioned so far in the country; and

(d) the dtails of the multi-purpose cultural complexes proposed by overnment?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and ›) Since the State Government of Tamil Nadu has not applied for a Multi-urpose cultural complex, the same could not be sanctioned by the Government of India.

(c) The details of multi-purpose cultural complexes sanctioned so ar in the country are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) Frèsn proposals are being invited from the States under the revised Scheme.

Statement

Amount sanctioned for multi purpose cultural complexes

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Year of sanction	Total sanctioned project cost over the years	Govt. of India's share	Amount released	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Assam	2004-05	100.00	90.00	50.00	Under Construction
2.	Sikkim	1992-93 1993-94 1994-95 2002-03	400.00	400.00	400.00	This was sanctioned as a special case but work has not begun so far.
3.	Nagaland	1993-94 1994-95 1996-97 2000-01 2004-05	200.00	180.00	180.00	Completed
4.	Manipur	1993-94	10.00	-	10.00	Delayed on account of land availability
5.	Mizoram	1994-95 1997-98 2000-01 2001-02 2003-04 2004-05	200.00	180.00	180.00	Completed
6.	Tripura	1999-2000 2003-2004 2004-2005	400.00	360.00	186.87	Under Construction
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	2002-2003	200.00	180.00	129.94	Under Construction
8.	Meghalaya	2004-2005	300.00	270.00	45.00	Under Construction
9.	West Bengal	1992-1993 1993-1994	200.00	100.00	35.00	Under Construction

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1993-1994 1994-1995 1997-1998 2003-2004	250.00	125.00	140.00	Completed
11.	Orissa	1996-1997	200.00	100.00	100.00	Under Construction
12.	J & K	1996-1997 1998-1999 1999-2000 2003-2004	325.00	162.50	162.50	Completed
13.	Karnataka	1995-1996 1996-1997 1997-1998	280.00	140.00	140.00	Fund released for Two Complexes as a Special case
14.	Bihar	1997-1998	140.00	70.00	15.00	Work commenced now.
15.	Haryana	1997-1998 2000-2001	100.00	50.00	50.00	Disputed
16.	Kerala	1997-1998 1999-2000 2000-2001 2003-2004	585.00	242.50	200.00	Completed
17.	Pondicherry	1997-1998 2001-2002 2003-2004	272.00	136.00	100.00	Completed
18.	Punjab	1999-2000 2000-2001 2001-2002 2003-2004	200.00	100.00	100.00	Completed
19.	Uttar Pradesh	2002-2003 2003-2004	400.00	200.00	200.00	Under Construction
20.	Chhattisgarh	2004-2005	200.00	100.00	25.00	New case
21.	Rajasthan	2004-2005	100.00	50.00	50.00	New case
22.	Andhra Pradesh	2004-2005	200.00	100.00	100.00	New case
23.	Gujarat	2005-2006	100.00	50.00	25.00	New case

SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know what factors the Government takes into consideration while sanctioning

funds for setting up of cultural complexes and for carrying out activities in the administrative set up of the cultural complexes.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you, I would like to submit to the hon. Member that these complexes are set up following the requests of the State Governments. Under this Scheme, you will kindly note, 50 per cent matching contribution is to be made by the State Governments. If the State Governments are prepared for the Scheme, those State Governments will be considered. For example, there are two States, which did not avail of the Scheme, one is Tamil Nadu and the other is Maharashtra. So, you may kindly advise your own State Government to make an application that will be immediately and unhesitatingly considered.

SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Thank you, Sir. My second supplementary in this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, you should be satisfied with the answer. You may ask your State Government to request the Government of India for this purpose. The question is over.

ऐतिहासिक स्मारकों पर वक्फ बोर्ड का दावा

203. **श्री मुख्तार अब्बास नकवी:** क्या **सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कुछ वक्फ बोर्डों ने मस्जिद, कब्र और नमाज जैसे धार्मिक चिन्हों की विद्यमानता का बहाना बनाकर कतिपय ऐतिहासिक धरोहरों, स्मारकों और स्थानों पर अपने अधिकारों का दावा किया है जिससे देश में व्यापक प्रतिक्रिया और चिन्ता का माहौल है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ऐसे बेबुनियादी, गैर-जिम्मेदाराना और असंवैधानिक दावों के विरुद्ध क्या कदम उठाने और कानूनी उपचारात्मक कार्रवाइयां करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) लोकतान्त्रिक धर्मनिरपेक्ष देश में धार्मिक वक्फ बोर्डों की मौजूदगी का औचित्य क्या है और सरकार ऐसे धार्मिक वक्फ बोर्डों के समाप्त होने की स्थिति में, वक्फ सम्पत्तियों और धार्मिक स्थलों की देखभाल करने के लिए क्या वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था करने पर विचार कर रही है?

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री (श्रीमती मीरा कुमार): (क) उत्तर प्रदेश सेन्ट्रल सुन्नी वक्फ बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष ने 13.7.05 को घोषणा की कि आगरा स्थित ताजमहल, वक्फ अधिनियम, 1995 की धारा 36/40 के अंतर्गत वक्फ सम्पत्ति है और इसे वक्फ सम्पत्ति के रूप में